

## Clean Air Act Permit Program permits for coal-fired power plants

The Illinois EPA is providing an additional opportunity for comments prior to issuing new proposed Clean Air Act Permit Program permits for the 22 coal-fired power plants located in Illinois. By way of background, in June 2003, the Illinois EPA opened public comment periods on the draft CAAPP permits for these power plants. The Illinois EPA held six hearings concerning the power plants and the comment periods closed in September 2003.

After the close of the above-referenced comment period and review of public comments, proposed CAAPP permits were submitted to the USEPA/Region V for review, as provided by Section 39.5(9)(a) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act. Based on further consideration and consultations with USEPA/Region V, and to address USEPA's response to petitions filed on four of these permits, the Illinois EPA has prepared drafts of the revised versions of proposed permits for all 22 plants. The further revisions clarify and enhance the operational monitoring, testing, record keeping and reporting requirements of the permits. To assist people, the Illinois EPA has also prepared a preliminary response to public comments, which explains the actions the Illinois EPA has taken in response to those comments.

The Illinois EPA is now providing a 10-day period on the draft revised proposed CAAPP permits to allow comments to be submitted. The beginning of this comment period is July 19, 2005. Comments on these permits must be postmarked by August 1, 2005 and sent to the hearing officer:

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Copies of the drafts of the revised proposed CAAPP permits and preliminary response to comments may be obtained at [www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm) (please look under All Permit Records/Title V/New) or by contacting Brad Frost at 217/782-7027, TDD phone number 217/782-9143, or e-mail [brad.frost@epa.state.il.us](mailto:brad.frost@epa.state.il.us).